REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the careful consideration and favorable treatment of the claims in which claim 5 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The Examiner contends that the features recited in claim 7 are not shown in the drawings. Applicants have amended Fig. 3 to illustrated the features recited in claim 7 and on this basis, the objection should be withdrawn.

Based on the Examiner's comments, Applicants have amended claim 5 into independent form by including the subject matter of claims 4 and 9. This amendment is not a narrowing amendment since claim 5 originally depended on these claims. In its amended form, claim 5 should be allowed and passed to issue.

Applicants have amended the other pending claims so that they depend from what should now be an allowed independent claim 5. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-8 should now be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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